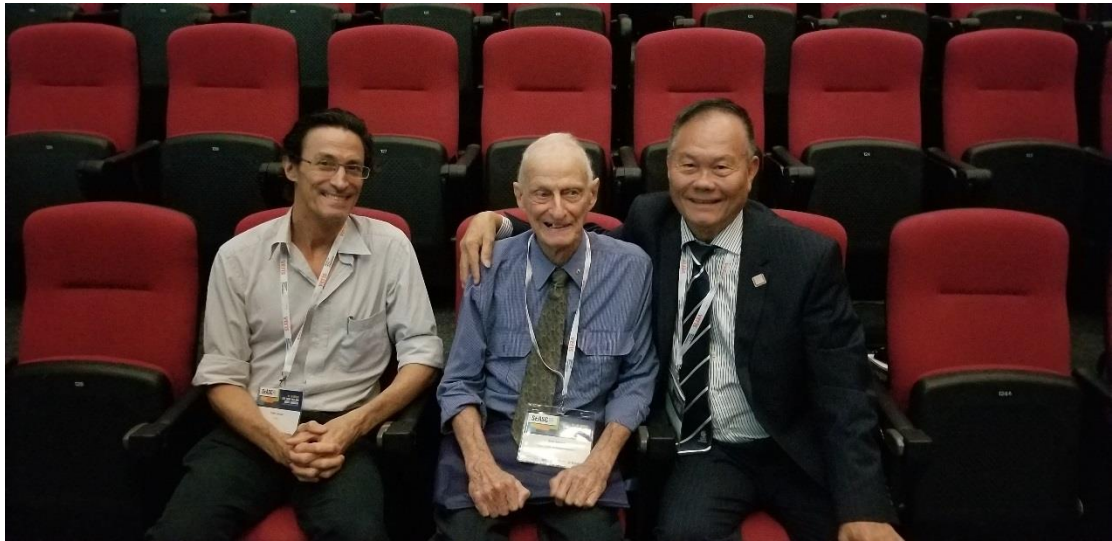


HONG KONG BRANCH

Chair- T.N Wong



The Branch has increased in size to 9 members. Four new Associate Members have been admitted over the past four years.

Branch Committee members - T.N. Wong, Chairman, Gordon Andreassend, Secretary, and Gary Mc Auslan, Councillor, were returned to those posts at the 2019 AGM.

Our most senior member, and former Chairman, John Barrett has retired from active field work. But as an experienced Cadastral surveyor he is in great demand as a Consultant, and expert witness in cases dealing with land tenure and boundaries.

One of John's best cases involved a win against the Hong Kong government in his client's claim for adverse possession of an old lot.

Chairman, T.N. Wong has completed his contract with a firm of Hong Kong Engineering Consultants, and is using his expertise to work on various projects in SE Asia.

Secretary, Gordon Andreassend, who now has 53 year's experience in land, engineering, and aerial surveying in Hong Kong, is fully retired, but maintains an active interest in the profession, and Branch matters.

Mid-year, Gary McAuslan completed his contract as a Senior Land Surveyor with the consultants engaged in a major highway and tunnel project, and returned to New Zealand. He is seeking further employment in Hong Kong, and the Branch looks forward to his return.

Merrin Pearce is a Geodetic Surveyor, and consults on problems of geodetic datum shift in various overseas locations. He is also very much involved in environmental issues in Hong Kong.

Most Hong Kong Associate Members, have senior positions in Engineering Surveying projects, working with consultants or contractors.

The Branch had a few visitors, mainly former members, during the year, including a most welcome visit by CEO, Mark Dyer in April, en route to the FIG Working Week 2019, in Hanoi. A most useful discussion took place.

In August 2019, Chairman, T.N. Wong, and Secretary, Gordon Andreassend, participated in the 15th SE Asia Survey Congress (SEASC), held in Darwin Australia.

T.N. and Gordon have had extensive experience with the SEASC over the past 40 years, not only as delegates and presenters of papers, but also in the organization, as Congress Director, managing the Technical Exhibition, etc. They were very pleased to meet with many old friends from Australia, New Zealand and other SE Asian countries. T.N. was delighted to meet with his mentor, a former FIG President (1991-1994), Earl James AM, a long-time resident and practicing surveyor in Darwin. TN, a former FIG Vice President, met with Matt Higgins, an Australian former FIG Vice President, and Robert Sarib, the Surveyor General of the Northern Territory, together with Gordon. Friendly discussion on surveying matters ensued.

With over 400 delegates from SE Asia and other countries, and a wide range of topical presented papers, the conference in the impressive Darwin Convention Centre was a resounding success.

The Hong Kong Branch will try to maintain a presence at such conferences whenever possible in the future.



Lian Tang Project – photo by Earl James